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Applicants:	Bakshi et al.		Art Unit:
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For:	ACYLATED PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS MELANOCORTIN -4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS		Andrew B. Freistein

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of November 22, 2005, for which an Amendment is due by February 22, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments. Any additional fees associated with this Amendment may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 35 of this paper.

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